

Luddesdown Parish Council

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Minutes of a meeting of Luddesdown Parish Council held on Monday 21st July 2025 at 7:30pm in Luddesdown Village Hall

Members Present: Cllr P Crow
Cllr L Martin
Cllr M Newnes
Cllr M Beresford

In Attendance: Charles Amis – Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer
33 members of the public

The meeting was not recorded due to objections from members of the audience.

1. **Apologies for Absence: To receive and accept apologies –**

Cllr J Rosseuw, Cllr D Dibben, Cllr S Jassal, Cllr D Morton

2. **Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

To approve minutes of the previous Annual Parish Council meeting held on 19.5.2025 and the Extraordinary Meeting

3. Cllr Martin proposed the minutes of the 19th May meeting as a true and accurate record and Cllr Beresford seconded. Cllr Newnes proposed the minutes for the Extraordinary Meeting held on 23rd June and Cllr Martin seconded.

Item 4 Public Session & External Reports

- 4.1 A parishioner asked that the land to the East of Yew Trees be kept on the agenda. The owner had not carried out any changes since the meeting held on 19th May. The owner is having water connected to the site. GBC Planning Enforcement Team are monitoring the situation. LPC will keep on the next agenda.

A resident said that Cutter Ridge Road had been blocked by two parked vehicles. Silverhand were made aware of the problem.

- 4.2 Cllr Dibben and Cllr Jassal were not at the parish council meeting as they were attending a meeting at GBC. It was noted that Cllr Dibben and Cllr Jassal had not attended

- 4.3 The latest Crime Report had been added to the website. There had been several thefts from the garages and sheds along Wrangling Lane. Local residents would like to see a greater police presence in Luddesdown. PC Joe Dallarda is running a session at the Meadow Rooms at Cobham for local residents to raise their concerns followed by a patrol of Cobham. Cllr Crow planned to attend.

- 4.4 LPC were not able to respond to all of the points made by Protect Luddesdown National Landscape as their letter had only just been received and there had been no time to prepare a response. LPC had sort advice from the Kent Association of Local Councils. LPC will respond

Item 5: Update on Planning

- 5.1 Cobham House Vineyard** – The owner had wanted to install an agricultural building as part of the vineyard. GBC Planning has said the new building is to large for permitted development rights. The planning application has been called in by the GBC and will be discussed at a planning meeting on Wednesday 24th September.
- 5.2 20250660 – Luddesdown Court** – Silverhand are rebuilding the wall by the double gated entrance using matching stone work and materials as per the existing wall. Silverhand has said they will come back with the design of the gates. Silverhand are in contact with KCC regarding the diversion of the public right of way as the current gates cannot be locked shut at the moment. Silverhand had a significant amount of equipment stolen recently.
- 5.3 Shoulder of Mutton Shaw** – The owner has spread hardcore over the site. GBC had given permission for the metal storage containers. GBC have asked that the old coach to be removed from the site.
- 5.4 Red House, Wrangling Lane** – GBC had refused planning permission for the extensions to the Red House. LPC had asked GBC to carry out a site visit. LPC have sent photographs of the building works and lighting.
- 5.5 Court Farm** – The Clerk read through Ian Brown's email. The illuminated sign has been turned off until planning permission has been granted.

Item 6 Council Finance

6.1 Schedule of Payments

Payments made since the meeting held on 19th May 2025

Date of payment	Company	Reason	Amount
21/5/2025	Clerk	April Salary	£274.60
31/5/2025	Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	£6
4/6/2025	Information Commissioner's Office	Renewal of Data Protection Fee for 2025-26	£47
9/6/2025	Hugo Fox	Website	£11.99
11/6/2025	UK 2 Net	Email hosting	£41.04
23/6/2025	KALC	Subscription 2025-26	£187.32
30/6/2025	Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	£6
3/7/2025	Clerk	May Salary	£274.60
3/7/2025	HMRC		£137.20
3/7/2025	Village Hall Committee	Village Hall hire	£210
3/7/2025	Clerk	June Salary	£274.60
3/7/2025	Clerk	1 Ream of A4 paper	£4.15

3/7/2025	Fastnet International	Email Hosting	£56.89
9/7/2025	Hugo Fox	Website	£11.99

6.2 Receipts & Payments Report

Payments to be made after the meeting

Date of payment	Company	Reason	Amount
22/7/2025	Clerk	Mileage for 21 st July	£12.87
22/7/2025	Clerk	Salary for July 2025	£274.60
22/7/2025	Clerk	Book of 2 nd class stamps	£6.96

6.3 Bank Statement

Our current bank balance is: Current Account: £20,926.22. **Action:** Clerk to ask Unity Trust Bank regarding the setting up of a high interest savings account.

7. **Feedback from the Securing the Landscape Meeting held on 15th July** – Nobody from LPC had attended the meeting. **Action:** Clerk to forward the minutes.
8. **London Green Belt Council Meeting on Wednesday 23rd July** – Cllr Crow will attend the meeting.
9. **Items for information** - Cllr Martin said a local resident had made a second access to their lawn. **Action:** Clerk to ask GBC Planning Dept if planning permission is needed for this action.

There had been a sudden escalation of fly tipping within the parish. **Action:** Residents are asked to take photographs of the rubbish and report to GBC.